

SENATE RESOLUTION 11
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of long-time journalist,
Carson Brewer of Hawkins County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Carson Brewer, one of Tennessee's greatest columnists; and

WHEREAS, born in the Luther community of Hancock County, Carson Brewer began his writing career at an early age, writing for his high school's paper, The Rogersville Review, and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Mr. Brewer went on to attend Maryville College where he was a staff member on the school newspaper, The Highland Echo; following several tours of duty in World War II, he returned to Tennessee to finish his college education at the University of Tennessee, simultaneously beginning his lengthy career with the Knoxville News-Sentinel; and

WHEREAS, a master storyteller who was an inspiration to others in his field, Carson Brewer enjoyed a 40-year career with the Knoxville News Sentinel, continuing to write occasional columns after his much-deserved retirement in 1985; and

WHEREAS, an avid hiker and outdoorsman, Carson Brewer was appointed to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Commission in 1980; the town of Norris also named a hiking trail after this veteran storyteller and Appalachian folklorist; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career in journalism, Carson Brewer was presented with numerous awards and honors, including the Scripps Howard Foundation Edward J. Meeman Conservation Award, the Knoxville Writers' Guild's Inaugural Career Achievement Award, the Kentucky-Tennessee Section of Society of American Foresters' Forestry Recognition Award, the Journalism Award of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, first place for local columns by UPI Tennessee Association of Newspapers, the Society of Professional Journalists' Golden Press Card Award, and an honor by the East Tennessee Area of the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts for public service to conservation for his columns written on the loss of prime farmland for agricultural use; he was also honored at the Front Page Follies where a scholarship fund was created in his name; and

WHEREAS, a man of devout faith, Carson Brewer was a member of Norris Ridge Fellowship Church for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, a consummate family man, Mr. Brewer is survived by his wife of 54 years, Alberta, his son, Carson Trulock "Kit" Brewer, and his grandson, Coleman; and

WHEREAS, always preceded by his reputation, Carson Brewer was an inspiration to journalists everywhere, living his life as one blessed with the gift of contentment; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to this exemplar of journalistic and historical integrity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor the memory of Carson Brewer, reflecting fondly on his commitment to journalism and to the preservation of Tennessee's natural beauty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our most sincere condolences to the family of Carson Brewer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.